Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Harlan and Joyce Carlson exchanged their wedding vows on April 8, 1956, in Burke, South Dakota, at the parsonage of the Union Baptist Church promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

Whereas, Harlan and Joyce gave life and love to four children: Cheryl, Sandra, Myron and Laurie, who have blessed their parent's lives with seven grandchildren; and,

Whereas, The newly wed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, struggle and triumph and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

Whereas, Harlan and Joyce have begun their journey of retirement to enjoy the fruits of their long years of labor dairying and farming; and,

Whereas, Harlan and Joyce will celebrate their 50th Anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare and celebration such a milestone warrants, as their friends and relatives gather to honor them on April 14-16, 2006, and to celebrate their lives and the camaraderie of the day; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of these two people who have lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 8, 2006, as

HARLAN AND JOYCE CARLSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State